SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Sir, I would like to know whether any review been done in respect of the schemes narrated by hon. Minister, as far as the tribal belt, particularly the Merghat belt, of Maharashtra is concerned. Hundreds of children and women are dying there because of malnutrition. So, the Central Government should come forward with a special assistance, instead of depending on the routine schemes of Government of India lemented by Maharashtra Government. Is there any scheme to give central assistance to the Government of Maharashtra ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Cease-Fire by Militant Groups

*364. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) after the cease-fire with BLT, what is the position of other militant groups like NDF (B), BTF, Birsa Munda Force etc. in Bodoland areas ;

(b) whether they are preparing for such cease-fire; and

(c) what steps have been proposed or thought of by his Ministry with regard to identify questions in general and of Bodos in particular ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) :

(a) and (b) There is no information available with the Government that other militant groups like NDFB, BTF, Birsa Munda Force, etc. in the Bodoland Autonomous Council Areas are preparing for suspension of operations, as agreed to with the BLT.

(c) The Assam Accord 1985 provides the framework for protecting, preserving and promoting the identity of the Assamese people in general. Similarly, the Bodo Accord 1993 provides the framework for socio-economic, educational, ethinic and cultural advancement of the Bodos.

Amount provided to Naxalite affected States

†*365. SHRI JHUMUL LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend to get rid of the responsibility of naxalism by treating it as a State subject;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.